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P&G Case CM1905Q

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
ANDREAS FLOHR : Confirmation No. 6376
Serial No. 09/786,080 : Group Art Unit 3761
Filed February 28, 2001 : Examiner Catharine L. Anderson
For Strong And Apertured Nonwoven Web

REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 CFR § 1.193

Mail Stop Appeal Brief - Patents
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir,

This is an appeal from the final rejection of pending claims 1-17 which was made in an Office Action dated April 27, 2004. Appellant's brief was filed on August 24, 2004, and the Examiner's Answer was mailed on November 8, 2004.

REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

The Examiner's Answer asserts that Status of Amendments After Final statement in the Appellants' brief was incorrect because it failed to take into account the amendments made on June 24, 2004. However, while Appellants filed a response after Final on June 24, 2004, the Appellants did not amend any claims that were pending. Applicants have included a copy of the response after Final dated June 24, 2004 for the benefit of the Examiner as Appendix A.

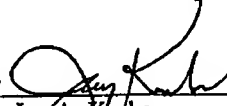
SUMMARY

None of Claims 1-17 has been properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in light of the reasoning and analysis given in the Final Office Action, or the Examiner's Answer. In light of all of the analysis and discussion provided in the Appeal Brief, and in this Reply Brief, Appellants respectfully request the Honorable Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to reverse the rejections

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